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NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

—Rev. S. W. Duffield has gone to Point Pleasant, where it is hoped he will rapidly improve.

—Those who object to a "lively" Fourth will have their revenge on New Year's Day—that time dedicated to stupidity, when one dares neither to go out of doors or stay at home.

—The death of the wife of Frank Zeigebiel, a German living on Upper Broad street, occurred on Tuesday morning. The case is a sad one since it deprives a family of seven small children of a mother's care.

—Mr. Charles Berstecher, a young man residing with his family in Canal street, died quite suddenly Sunday afternoon, July 4th, of heart disease. He had been ill for a short time but was able to about the house.

—The much-wrangled-over bell of the Old church was not rung till a late hour on the Fourth. It is said that attempts were made to enter the church on Saturday and Sunday nights but a watch had been set and these efforts were unavailing.

—One Bloomfield merchant sold a thousand quarts of ice cream in one day last week. Taking it for granted that all the other vendors of this seductive semi-solid did as well, every man, woman, child and baby must have averaged over a pint.

—Firecrackers were distributed to the small boys who could not buy any, by the Trick Company. One boy was seen coming along with some and being told it was very generous on the part of the gentlemen, he said: "You bet! I have already sold two packs for five cents apiece." Filthy lucre is stronger than patriotism even in a small boy sometimes.

—Some young gentlemen from town are spending their vacation at Greenwood Lake. The party consists of Messrs. David and George Oakes, Leonard and Ledyard Haskell, John Pearson, Bentley Hulin and James Close. Their camp is located near the foot of the lake. A few of the party prefer spending their nights at a farm house in the vicinity. They took their canoes with them, and intend to row and fish at pleasure.

—The hot weather seems to have disengaged the larvae of the elm beetle. They may be seen on every tree, crawling down the trunk to the ground. The device for stopping their downward career by a twisted band of hay, treated with printing ink, they regard with indifference. Many trees, from the degradations of these pests, seem to be already ruined in foliage, and look as though a hard frost had touched them.

—On the Fourth the usual salutes were fired by the Bloomfield Battery; there was a sedate ringing of bells and a beautiful display of fireworks from the fire tower in the evening. So that as regards noise and phiz there was a very successful public display. There is a difference of opinion about the way to celebrate the National Holiday but we may rest assured that till the "boys" of from five to fifty become extinct, powder and noise are going to be the main elements. Those who do not like the prospect might as well emigrate now as later.

—Messrs. Willard and Leonard Richards provided their usual fine pyrotechnic display on the evening of the Fourth. These gentlemen of late years have revived the old reputation of Franklin Hill, in the matter of a vigorous Fourth of July celebration, which was given it in old times by Mr. Warner, the grandfather of Mrs. Dr. Bailey, Mr. E. C. Adams and Mr. Henry Richards, who for one day in the year were regarded as species of duties by the youngsters of the neighborhood. It seems as though their manes had fallen upon worthy successors whose celebrations surpass in noise, smoke, brilliancy and enthusiasm those of former times.

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pose to cast themselves into the breach and sit down upon whichever side pays the best dividends. The motto of the party is "Agitation." Each member carries a small spoon, which is to be used in stirring things up. Any one wishing to unite with this new party has only to procure a spoon, and talk and vote against everything proposed by the machine politicians. When the "Agitators" have swept the board, the spoons will be useful in disposing of the "pap." Let the old parties beware!

—Soon after one o'clock Wednesday afternoon smoke was seen issuing from the roof of Hiram Van Giesen's house, on Watsessing avenue near the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad station, Watsessing. Word was sent to Active Hose Company No. 2, and in a few minutes an alarm was given from the bell tower in Bloomfield, and Essex Hook and Ladder Truck Company, Phoenix Hose Company and Excelsior Hose Company were soon on hand. Prospect Hose Company from East Orange, was also present and several streams were pouring into the upper story. The furniture was nearly all removed. The damage by fire was confined to the upper story, but the whole building was damaged by water.

Board of Education.

At the regular meeting of the School Board held on Tuesday evening, the annual report of the District Clerk, Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin, was read and adopted by the Board. Three hundred copies were ordered printed for distribution at the annual meeting. On motion it was voted that a grade of seventy in Arithmetic be required to secure promotion. The Police Committee were authorized to post circulars forbidding such use of the canal, and, if necessary, to cause the arrest of parties violating this ordinance of the Committee. A note was made for discount to meet bills immediately falling due.

Fourth of July Services.

Special services commemorative of Independence day were held in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. In this the Baptist, Westminster and First church united. A choir made up from the three congregations sang appropriate choruses under the direction of Mr. Norman, the instructor of the singers in the old church. The desk and platform were decorated with flags and flowers. The various town organizations attended the church in a body. These included the veterans, and members of the fire companies, who occupied seats in the middle aisle near the pulpit.

The address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Simons of the Baptist church. Taking for his subject Premature Boasting, and for his text, 1st Kings 20: 11. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as though he put it on," he gave the explanation, justification, and application of the subject to the circumstances of the present day. Numerous instances of premature boasting were given, with their untoward results.

In closing, the speaker referred to the unprotected state of our land, whose fortifications are not sufficient to defend us from the powerful navies of England and France, or even the smaller powers of Europe. Mention was made of the complication likely to arise from the opening of the Panama canal, which will surely be built, and that our weakness may cause the Monroe Doctrine to vanish into thin air.

The Republic of France was commanded for the expulsion of the French princes. While we talk of the evils of anarchism, and plots against the Government, France acts.

The despotism of organizations of workmen which interfere with the free employment of labor was strongly condemned. Many of the speaker's references to the last war were received with deep interest, and he was rewarded throughout by the earnest attention of his audience.

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From a statement of the vast resources of our country, the preacher argued that the greater responsibility for good citizenship rested upon each individual citizen.

A Large Picnic.

Some 200 people spent the afternoon of July 5th at a picnic upon the grounds adjoining the Morris saw mill. These embraced the various families making up what is known as the Morris neighborhood with their friends from the village and not a few strangers. Dinner was served at one o'clock, after which the afternoon was spent in the usual way beneath the trees. About four o'clock the company gathered around a clump of buttonwoods, in which a platform had been built, and listened to short addresses from the Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Dr. V. L. Lockwood and Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin. Music followed and an hour was spent in singing the old songs.

Every year the number of conventions and institutes held during the summer vacation is increasing, and the number of teachers who attend them has become very large. The State of Connecticut has taken a step in advance of all others this year, in offering all its teachers a two weeks institute without charge. The railroads sell excursion tickets for the fare one way. Never before has so much attention been given by teachers to the work of professional training and improvement.

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Township Committee.

Considerable routine business was done by the Committee at their meeting on Wednesday evening. A petition for a sidewalk on Ridgewood avenue from the D. L. & W. R. R. bridge to Bloomfield avenue was referred to the Sidewalk Committee. A resolution was adopted offering a rebate of two per cent on all taxes paid before October first, and one per cent on all taxes paid between Oct. first and nineteenth inclusive.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Orange Water Company to extend their pipes along Montgomery street east of the canal, and erect three hydrants at points to be designated. The Road Committee were authorized to advertise for proposals for the grading of Broad street 2,600 lineal feet north of Bellevue Ave., and also for the laying of a stone pavement twenty feet wide and six inches deep.

Complaints were received of the use of the canal for bathing purposes, causing annoyance to the people living in its vicinity.

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It was said that it is 28 years since such a picnic has been held; but few were ready to volunteer reminiscences.

All spent a most enjoyable and profitable afternoon.

Reminiscences.

FOURTH OF JULY IN THE MORRIS NEIGHBORHOOD THIRTY YEARS AGO.

To The Citizen:

The recent social gathering of about twenty Bloomfield families in the grove above Morris Place for an out-door celebration of our National Holiday will no doubt be "written up" for your columns, but I nevertheless offer some reminiscences brought to mind by the event. It was a revival of an old custom that we hope will now be kept up from year to year.

If I am correct, the last Fourth of July picnic of the Morris family took place a year or two preceding the Civil War, and upon the same spot where so many enjoyed themselves last Monday. The grounds have changed but little except that the surroundings are much improved. The patriotic addresses were wont to be made from the midst of the same bunch of buttonwood trees, where the "pulpit" was built in, and so called by the boys of that day. There is now a large house upon the southerly slope of Buttonwood Knoll, at the base of which, in a little oak grove, the table of last Monday was erected and loaded with good things, and where over two hundred people sat down to dinner. Thirty years ago the ground here was mostly a marsh with tangled underwood, and the road leading to the Knoll rather a poor one. In recent years, by the efforts of the late Albert Morris, the ground was drained and cleared of underbrush. The house, now occupied by Mr. Bowron, was formerly the country house of Mr. Henry Lindemann, and it was moved from the hillsides on the West, across the road to Buttonwood Knoll by Mr. Morris. This was done about ten years ago, when Mr. Lindemann erected the new house that stands upon his beautiful grounds, overlooking what I now should call Broad street. This is due, since our Town Fathers have sent the "city water" up to that point, with the view, perhaps, of giving the Brookdale people something in the shape of a *quid pro quo* for their city grade of taxes.

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